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ARREST OF SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AIDE

On August 4, 2011, Detectives from the Tucson Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit (ICAC) arrested **49-year old Michael Corum**, of Tucson, in connection with a child pornography investigation. Corum is employed as a Behavioral Health Aide at the Mary Meredith K-12 School at 755 North Magnolia.

In March 2011, the ICAC Unit began an investigation into Corum after information was received that Corum had images on his computer depicting suspected child pornography. As the investigation continued, Detectives developed enough information to obtain a search warrant for Corum's residence. A forensic analysis of the contents of Corum's home computer was conducted. The forensic analyst was able to retrieve an image depicting an apparently teenaged girl in a compromising pose.

Through the cooperation of school officials, detectives successfully identified the victim as a 15-year old student with severe developmental disabilities. Detectives were further able to determine that the photograph was apparently taken within the school.

Corum was charged with **one count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and one count of Surreptitious Photographing, both felonies**. He was booked into the Pima County Jail.

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